

GREETINGS FROM THE PAC CHAIR

IT'S JUNE!!! Another school year has come to an end. We say farewell and good luck to an awesome group of Grade 5's who will embark on Middle School in September. We also say goodbye to Ms. Birnie and wish her all the best on her new venture as Principal at Irvine Elementary. Aspenwood looks forward to welcoming our new Principal: Mr. Sean Della Vedova in September.

This year the PAC has allocated funds towards technology for the school (laptops and iPads), buses for field trips, a new popcorn machine to use at movie nights and popcorn days, books for classroom novel reading, drying racks for all of the marvellous artwork, board games for the classrooms, personal white boards for the intermediate grades, magnify glasses & magnetic kits for the primary grades, safety equipment for the emergency kits, new tether balls, 50 soft practice balls for the gym, 100 new sports jerseys for track and field and basketball and \$2,000 toward the Grade 5 Leaving trip to Cultus Lake.

Giving back to the community is a big part of who we are at Aspenwood. A presentation from Ruben's Shoes resulted in the school donating **703 pairs of shoes** to this amazing organization, showing our children that "**it feels good to give**" and that a pair of shoes provides an education for children in other countries. Over 150 pounds of food was donated to SHARE from movie night collections and \$1,500 was donated to Eagle Mountain Middle School for use towards new library books.

Finally the Aspenwood PAC would like to thank **YOU** for all of your support and participation for this past school year. Parents, volunteers, Aspenwood Staff and our community partners: Thrifty Foods Suter Brook, Cobs Bread, Encorp Return it Depot, Mabel's Labels, Purdy's Chocolates, QSP magazines, Amsterdam Greenhouses, Coquitlam Kinsmen, Subway, Little Caesars Pizza, Lunch Lady & Booster Juice. We cannot accomplish our goals without your support. Thank you!

I would like to share a quote with you. It reminded me of our amazing Aspenwood Community: "When strangers start acting like neighbours, communities are reinvigorated" - Ralph Nator. It has been a great experience working with this year's PAC members and volunteers. We're so grateful for all that you do!

The PAC looks forward to offering new and exciting fundraising initiatives & special events for next year. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming part of the PAC, please check out the PAC website for more details and job descriptions.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer! See you in September.

All the best!
Erin Schneider